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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

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Sir:

The applicants are responding to the Office Action dated October 31, 2006, through the undersigned attorney.

You are requested to reconsider and to withdraw the rejection of claims 1, 2, and 11 as being anticipated by Whaley, Jr., United States Patent No. 3,738, 654.

When the harness of Whaley, Jr., is worn, the neck strap 11 wraps the neck of the wearer, the leg loops 13, 14, wrap the thighs of the wearer, and the resilient member 12 urges the wearer into a crouched position. Thus, the loops 13, 14, are leg loops, not arm loops.

In the embodiment of Figures 1 through 4, the neck strap 11 is made from a first length of material, which is not described as resilient. The leg loops 13, 14, are made from a second length of material, which is not described as resilient. The member 12 connecting the neck strap 11 and the leg loops 13, 4, is made from a third length of material, which is described as resilient.

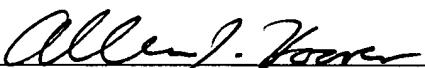
In the embodiment of Figure 5, the neck band 26 is similar to the neck strap 11, as described above. The leg straps 31, 32, are similar to the leg loops 13, 14, as described above. A pair of shock cords 27, 28 connect the neck band 26 to the leg straps 31, 32.

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Clearly, therefore, neither embodiment of the harness of Whaley, Jr., is not made from a simple length of strapping, as claimed.

The undersigned attorney submits, therefore, that claims 1, 2, and 11 are not anticipated by Whaley, Jr., but are patentable over Whaley, Jr.

Respectfully submitted,

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